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SUBJECT: RESPONSE FROM MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT TO SECRETARY'S MAY 4 LETTER -- PART 2

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 1293, (B) STATE 130173

1. IN HIS INITIAL RESPONSE TO SERCRETARY'S MAY 4 LETTER RE CILSS AND CLUB DES AMISTNU SAHEL, MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH INDICATED HE WAS SENDING COPIES OF SECRETARY'S LETTER (AND DAKAR REMARKS) TO CHIEFS OF STATE MEMBERS OF CILSS AND WOULD PASS ALONG ANY COMMENTS THEY MIGHT HAVE.

2. ON AUGUST 3, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH SENT FOLLOW-UP REPLY TO SECRETARY ENCLOSING FOUR- PAGE RESPONSE FROM ARISTIDES PEREIRA, PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE, AND TWO-PAGE RESPONSE FROM FELIX AMLLOUM CHIEF OF STATE OF CHAD, TO OULD DADDAH'S INVI-TATION FOR COMMENT. MINISTRY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TRANSMITTED PRESIDENT'S LETTER PLUS CERTIFIED COPIES OF TWO LET-TERS OF COMMENT TOEMBASSY UNDER COVER OF NOTE VERBALE 1075 DATED AUGUST 9.

3. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF PRE-SIDENT OULD DADDAH'S LETTER TO SECRETARY: QTE MR. SECRETARY, (PARA) AS I INDICATED TO YOU IN MY MAY 22 LETTER. THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT INTER-STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST
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THE DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL (CILSS) WERE INVITED AT MY

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INSTANCE TO SEND ME, FOR TRANSMISSION TO YOU, ANY RE-
FLECTIONS, COMMENTS, OR SUGESTIONS WHICH THE PROGRAM
OF DEVELOPMENT YOU PROPOSED FOR THE LONG-TERM MASTERY
OF THE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE DROUGHT IN THE
SAHEL COUNTRIES PROMPTED THEM TO MAKE. (PARA) I AM
SENDING YOU UNDER COVER OF THIS LETTER, COPIES OF THE
LETTERS ON THIS SUBJECT THEPRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CAPE VERDE AND THE CHIEF OF STATE OF CHAD HAVE SENT
ME. (PARA) IN ADDITION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE
EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT PEREIRA, I HAVE ASKED THE CILSS
COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT THESE OBSERVATIONS TO THE CILSS
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELABORATING A
SYNTHESIS (OF THEM). I WILL NOT FAIL TO SEND (THE SYN-
THESIS) TO YOU AS SOON AS IT REACHES ME. (PARA) PLEASE
ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH CONSIDER-
ATION. MOKTAR OULD DADDAH. UNQTE.

4. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PEREIRA LETTER: FOR ME IT IS QUESTION
OX IMPLEMENTING AND AID PROGRAM PERMITTING (1) RESO-
LUTION OF IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM DROUGHT
AND CONSTANT DETERIORATION OF TERMS OF TRADE. THIS AID
RPOGRAM OVER SEVERAL YEARS WILL PERMIT EASING B/P DEFICIT
CAUSED BY DROP IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND UTILIZING
NATIONAL SAVINGS IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. IT SHOULD CON-
SIST OF FOOD AID, CREATIONS OF RESERVE STOCKS, AND MEDI-
CAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NUTRITIONALLY DEFICIENT. (2) ES-
TABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT STRUCTURES IN SAHEL STATES TO
FREE THEM FROM EMERGEMVY ASSISTAGCE. FOR CAPE VERDE THERE
ARE TWO OBJECTIVES OF SEPCIAL IMPORTANCE: DEVELOPMENT OF
SMALL-SCALE AND INDUSTRIAL FISHERIES; UTILIZATION OF NON-
CONVENTIONAL SOURCES OF ENERGY. BUT RATHER THAN CREATE
NEW ORGANISMS, WE SHOULD UTILIZE EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS.
SPECIFICALLY, MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON U.N. SAHEL
OFFICE WHICH ALREADY HAS ACCESS TO UN SPECIALIZED AGEN-
CIES AND EVENTUALLY CAN BE TRANSFORMED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF MULTILATERAL INSTUTIONS SUCH AS IBRD, OECD . I SUG-
GEST CONVOCATION OF UNSO-CILSSS CONFERENCE TO ELICIT CON-
TRIBUTIONS TOSAHEL STATES. SUGGEST YOU SYNTHESIZE PRO-
POSALS MADE BY ALL OUR COLLEAGUES.

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5. BRIEF SUMMARY OF MALLOUM LETTER: DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ADVANCED BY DR. KISSINGER AT DAKAR CONSTITUTES EMINENT
CONTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZATION OF EFFORT FOR SAHEL, BUT DOES
NOT PROMPT ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTARY. WE HOPE THAT AUTHOR'S
ALMOST EXCLUSIVE PREFERENCE FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT
PLANS WILL NOT IMPEDE MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT
ENTIRE 1973 OUAGADOUGOU PROGRAM.

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6. SIGNED ORIGINAL OF OULD DADDAH LETTER, CERTIFIED COPIES OF PEREIRA AND MALLOUM LETTERS, PLUS COPY OF NOTE VERBALE POUCHED TO AF/W AUGUST 9. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS TELEGRAM TO U.S. MISSIONS IN SAHEL CAPITALS, TO USOECD, AND OTHER POSTS CONCERNED WITH ELABORATION OF LONG-TERM SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

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